

A
Confession of Faith,

In the most Necessary Things of
Christian Doctrine, Faith and
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SECTION I.

Of God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

WE believe in (a) one God, and (a) Ephes. 4.
in one Lord Jesus Christ, 4. 5. 6. 1 Cor
and in one holy Spirit, and 12. 4. 5. 6.
that these three are one true God, the Col. 1. 16.
Maker & Creator of all things, visible
and invisible.

That God is no Body, but a pure b Joh. 4. 24
(b) Spirit, Light & Life, eternal and 1 Joh. 1. 5.
unchangeable, of infinite Perfection in Deut. 30.
Wisdom, Goodness, Power, Justice & 2. Ps. 117.
Holiness, knowing all things past, pre 4. 5. Act. 15.
sent and to come, present in all things, 18. Ps. 139.
and able to do all things whatsoever he 1. 2. 6. 7.
pleaseth. Joh. 21. 17.
Acts 1. 24.

That God hath fore-known (c) all
who are or shall be saved, from the be- c Rom. 8.
ginning of the World to the end of t, 29. 30.
having chosen them in Christ Jesus be ore Eph 1. 4. 5.
the Foundation of the World, to be Holy, 1 Pet. 1. 2.
and through Holiness & Sanctification of
the Spirit unto Eternal Life & Glory.

That as Gods Love and Grace is
freely

d 1 Tim. freely extended unto (d) all, whereby
 2. 3. 4. 5. they may be saved, and none are ex-
 cluded from the possibility of Salvation
 by any Decree of *absolute Reprobation*;
 so whoever are or shall be saved, from
 the beginning of the World to the end
 of it, they are saved by (e) *Grace*,
 e Ephes. 2. *through Faith, and not of themselves, it*
 8. *is the Gift of God.*

f Isa. 42. And that not only Christ (f) is
 1 1 Pet. 2. Gods Elect, but all (g) that shall be
 6. saved, from the beginning of the world
 g 2 Tim. to the end of it, are Gods Elect, chosen
 2. 11. in Christ, their Elect Head and Root,
 Rom. 9. 23 as his Elect Body and Members, accor-
 cap. 11. 7. and 8. 29. ding to the Fore-knowledge & Counsel
 3. 31. 32. of God, not only before they believe
 Ephes. 1. 4. and repent, but before the Foundation
 of the World; yet as with respect to
 mens knowledg., they are said to be
 Gods Elect who are *Sanctified* and
Renewed, or *Born again*, and such are
 Gods Elect who cry day & night unto
 him, whom he will avenge, *Luke 18. 7.*
 & who put on, being the Elect of God,
 an holy, n^o beloved, *Bowels of Mercy,*
Lowliness, I mbleness of Mind, Meekness,
Long-Suffering, &c. Col. 3. 12.

SECT. II.

Of Man, before and after the Fall.

WE believe That Man consisteth of a (a) created Soul (a) *isa. 57.* and Body, and that the Soul of man is ^{16.} neither God nor the Devil, nor any part or measure either of God or the Devil, but an invilible Spirit, endued with Reason and Understanding, Will, Affections, Memory, and Power of Motion, capable to serve and obey God, by the help of his Grace, and to receive the (b) Fruit of his Obedience, ^{b Rom. 6: 21, 22.} which is Life; or capable to disobey ^{Luke 16. 22, 23.} and transgress, & to receive the fruit of his Disobedience, which is Death. And that the (b) Soul dyeth not with the Body, but surviveth after it.

That God made man upright, after his (c) Image, Male and Female, and gave him dominion over the works of (c) *Gen. 1. 26. cap. 3.* his hands, and gave him a Law, which ^{22. 1 Cor. 15. 21.} if he had obeyed, he had lived forever.

That both the (d) Death of the Soul

(a) Gen. 2. unto Righteousness, and Bodily Sick-
 17. cap. 3. ness and Death came by the Fall of
 26, 17. 18. Man, with many other Calamities, and
 19. Rom that by one man sin entred into the World,
 5. 12. and Death by sin, &c. and a seed of sin
 and defilement is sown by the Enemy
 in the hearts of Adams Posterity, but
 yet that is not imputed to Damnation,
 but to such only as obey it.

SECT. III.

*Of Restoration by Jesus Christ, and
 Faith in him.*

(a) Prov. 8. **W**E believe, That Jesus Christ
 23. 24. is the (a) Son of God, and
 cap. 30. 4. the only begotten of God from Ever-
 Mich. 5. 2. lasting, and one God with the Father ;
 Joh 19. 25. and that he was the Redcemer and Sa-
 Neh. 9. 20. viour of all that believed in him from
 Joh. 15. 26. the beginning of the World, and gave
 them the holy Spirit to renew & san-
 ctify them, and that this holy Spirit
 did proceed from the Father & from
 the Son.

(b) Heb. 2. and that in the fullness of time
 16. Christ took on him the (b) Seed of
 Abraham,

(5)

*Abraham, and was made of a Woman Gal. 4. 4.
made under the Law, the promised Seed (c) Gen 3. 15.
of the Woman, that should bruise the head Mat. 8. 20
of the Serpent, and was conceived of 21. 25.
the holy Ghost, and born of the Virgin
Mary.*

That Christ, as Man, had and now
hath the true and entire Nature of (c) Mat 26
Man, both of (c) Soul and Body, and 38. Joh 2
that neither his Soul nor Body is the 9. 20, 21,
Godhead, but the Temple of it. Col 2. 9.

That he (d) dyed for our sins, and (d) Rom 4
rose again for our Justification, & by 25. 1 Cor
the Blood of his Cross made Peace for 15. 3. 4. 5.
us, and was a Sacrifice of Attonement Col. 1. 20.
unto God, and a Propitiation, not for Rom. 5. 12.
our sins only, but for the sins of the whole 1 John 2. 2.
World.

That he rose from the dead, and (e) Rom 6
ascended into Heaven without us, in 9.
the same Body for (e) being, which was Phil 3. 21.
crucified, and buried, but most wonder- 1. Cor 1. 11.
fully and most gloriously changed in cap 3. 20
Manner and Condition. And that in 21.
the same Body (i.e. a heavenly glorious Acts 10. 42
and immortal Body he will come and cap. 17. 31.
appear without us to judge the quick 2. Tim. 4. 1.
and the dead. 1. Pet 4. 5.

That (j) Faith in Christ Jesus as (f) John 2.
he came without us in the flesh, and 12, 14, 16,
dyed 17.

John 8 24. dyed for our sins, and rose again, and
 cap 14 1,2. is gone into Heaven, and there remain-
 Gal 3 26 & eth our Advocate and Mediator with
 4 5 30 31 the Father, in whom all Fullness of
 1 Joh 4 2 Grace and Truth dwelleth, as well as
 cap 5 14 5 he doth inwardly come into our hearts
 6 to enlighten & quicken us, is necessary
 to make a true Christian, and to beget
 us unto God, so as to be his Children,
 born of the free-Woman, *Jerusalem*
 from above; and that without this
 Faith none can be so born nor have the
 Spirit of Adoption, witnessing to them
 that they are the Children of God.

(g) James That the true (g) Faith in Christ
 2 14, 17, 20 Jesus, as he dyed for us and rose again,
 is not a bare historical and literal
 Faith, such as Hypocrites and false
 Christians have, but is a living and
 fruitful Faith, conforming them who
 have it to Christ Jesus, to live & walk
 as he did, & that this Faith is wrought

(h) Rom 10 in all who have it by the *Word* of (a)
 8 9 *Faith in the Heart*, and by the Spirit of
 2 Cor. 4 13 *Faith*, & by the mighty Power of God that
 Col 2 12 *raised Jesus from the dead*; and that in

(i) Rom 10 Gods ordinary way of working, (i)
 17 this Faith is wrought and beget in
 1 Cor 1 21 men by hearing the Word & Doctrine
 22 23 of Christ faithfully preached, or if
 John 20 31 that

that be wanting, by the Testimony of the holy Scriptures, in reading or hearing them read.

That (k) all who are true and sincere Believers in the Lord Jesus Christ, as he dyed for us & rose again, are under a peculiar and special ministration of the Spirit, and have peculiar Illuminations and Revelations of God, and many peculiar and special Operations, Influences, Gifts, and Fruits of the Spirit, that none others have, how- ever just and conscientious they may be in their meer *Gentile* state under the Law, and Ministration thereof, such as *Cornelius* was before he received the Faith of Christ, by *Peter's* Preaching.

That (l) Christ the true Light doth lighten every man that cometh into the World, and that by his general Illumination, common to all Mankind he doth convince, teach and instruct all who give attendance unto the same, the things concerning God, and their Duty to him, as Creator, and doth reprove for Sin & Disobedience, and bringeth them under the Law, & Ministration thereof, which is of a saving nature & tendency in a general way,

(k) Gal 3 2

14 22 23

Col 1 6 27

Ephes 3 17

18. Acts

10 44 45

1 Cor 12

4 5 6

2 Cor 3 7

8. 9. Rom.

1. 2. 21. 22

Psal. 147

17. 20.

(l) John 1.

9.

Rom. 1. 18.

19. 20.

cap 2. 25

(m) Gal. 3. and *this Law is as a (m) School-master to*
 24. *bring men (who give heed to it) to*
Christ, that they might be Justified by
Faith.

That none who are sincere, accor-
 ding to the (n) least measure of Light
 (n) Mark 4 given to them, if they continue to fol-
 25. *low the Lord, can fall short of eternal*
 John 3. 19. *Life and Salvation; for he will lead*
 20. *them from one degree of Light and*
 James 4. 6. *Grace to another (as he led Israel of*
 Rom. 5. 18. *old out of Egypt, through the red Sea,*
 cap 1. 8. 9. *and the Wilderness, & through Jordan*
 Phil. 1. 6. *to the promised Land) until he who*
 Acts 10 34 *hath begun his good Work of Sal-*
 35. *vation in them, bring it to Per-*
fection.

(o) Rom. That Christ (o) the *Word* and the
 10. 8, 9. *Light* is in every man (though not
 Deutr. 30. *revealed or known as such) and is suf-*
 14. 15. *ficient to save every man, but Christ*
 Heb. 7. 25 *whole & undivided is our All-sufficient*
 26. *Saviour, able to save to the uttermost all*
 Mat. 1. 21, *that come to God by him; and as Christ*
 1 Tim. 2. *without us, as he dyed and rose again,*
 5. *and is ascended, and is our Mediator*
with God in Heaven, doth not save us
without Christ in us, so nor doth Christ
in us save us without Christ without
us, the which Christ is one, the Full-
ness

ness (p) without us in the Man Christ [p] John 1
 Jesus, and the measure of him in us; 15. 16.
 and the measure (q) of the heavenly
 Gift of Christ worketh savingly in us, [q] Ephes.
 by the Power and Strength of the Full- 4 7 13 16.
 ness; and none witness Christ perfect- Cant 5 4
 ly to save them, but who have (r)
 Faith in him as he dyed & rose again, [r] Rom.
 and is gone into Heaven, and there 12. 8 9. 10.
 remaineth our Advocate & Mediator, John 3 14
 as well as that they believe in him as 15. 36.
 he is spiritually present in them, as cap 12 32.
 to enlighten, quicken & sanctifie them. 33 36.

That as the Sufficiency of Christ's
 Light and Grace within every man is
 not to be set up in Opposition to Christ
 without us, who hath all fullness of
 Light, Grace and Truth dwelling in
 him, and of whose (s) Fullness we all [s] John 1
 receive Grace for Grace; so nor is the 15. 16.
 present measure of Light and Grace Mark 4 25
 received, to be set in Opposition to 2 Cor 9 8.
 further measures of Light and Grace James 4 6
 yet to be received. 1 Pet 1 2.

And the Sufficiency that any hath of
 Grace, is for the present time, and
 not for all time to come; and there-
 fore every one is to wait (t) in the
 present measure already received, [t] Isa 42.
 by the help of the same Spirit, 29. 31

[u] Joh 14 God in (u) the Name of Christ Jesus,
 13. 1 cap to receive a daily and hourly supply
 16 23 24 from God, out of Christ's Fullness (as
 Mat 7 7 8. out of a most rich Treasury or Store-
 Col 2 3 house) of more Grace, that so he who
 hath begun his good Work in them,
 having given them a small measure of
 Grace, may carry it on in them to
 Perfection, by his giving them a daily
 supply and encrease of more Grace,
 which they shall all receive, as they
 wait and pray for it, being found in all
 diligent Obedience unto his present
 Requirings.

S E C T. I V.

*Concerning Justification and
 Sanctification.*

[1] AGS 13 **W**E believe, that (a) Faith,
 5. 29. Repentance, Love, Hope, &c.
 cap 26 18 and sincere Obedience to Gods Commands,
 Heb 5 9 although they are necessary Conditions
 Rom 5 1 and Qualifications required, in order
 to our Justification and Remission of
 sins, yet they are not the Foundation
 of it, but CHRIST alone is the Founda-
 tion

dation thereof, in whose Name, (as he [b] Acts 4
 dyed for us and rose again.) (e) Ac-¹²
 pentance and Remission of sin is to be ^{1 Cor 3 11.}
 preached, and through Faith in his Name,
 his (c) Obedience and Righteousness, as [c] Luke
 he dyed for us, and became Obedient ^{24 46 47}
 unto the Death of the Cross, is (a) im- [d] Rom 3
 puted or accounted to us for Remission of ^{24. cap 4.}
 sin and Justification; (e) And none are ^{5. 6. 7. 11.}
 justified but who are sanctified. ^{Rom 5 16,}

That though there is a (f) Faith ^{Phil 3 9.}
 that may be lost and fallon from, yet ^{10. Rom.}
 there is a degree in (g) Faith and ^{8. 34.}
 Sanctification, which the Soul having [e] 1 Cor:
 attained, doth not lose nor fall from ^{6. 9 10 11.}
 it, and that is the Faith that is more [f] Luke
 precious than Gold that perisheth, which ^{8. 13}
 being tryed with the Fire, endureth to the ^{1 7}
 end of all Temptations.

That a (h) Victory over sin, and a [h] Mat 12
 Freedom from it, is possible to be ^{20.}
 obtained by the Grace of God, here in ^{Rom 6 18}
 this mortal Bod, the which Victory ^{2 3}
 and Freedom is not received nor wit-
 nessed (i) all at once, but gradually; [i] Phil 2
 and the sooner it is witnessed that men ^{12 & 15}
 are the more diligent in the improve-
 ment of Gods Grace, and all Helps
 and Means that God hath given us for
 the same; and it is most save for us to
 have

have a Holy Jealousie over themselves,
 that they exceed not in thinking of
 themselves above what is convenient,
 but to follow the Example of Paul,
 [k] 1 Cor who said, (c) *I know nothing by myself,*
 4 4 *yet I am not hereby justified, but he that*
judgeth me is the Lord; and of Job, who
 Job 9 21 *said, Though I were Perfect, yet would*
I not know my Soul.

SECT. V.

*Concerning the True Worship of God,
 and True Ministry.*

[a] Mat 4
 10
 1 Cor 1
 2 2
 1 Tim 1 12
 Rev 1 4 5
 Acts 7 50
 Ephes 6 18
 [b] Rom
 8 26
 John 4 74
 1 Cor 12 3
 cap. 14 15

WE believe, that (a) God and
 Christ, and the holy Spirit are
 only to be worshipped & prayed unto,
 as one intire Object of Worship,
 Prayer and Thanks-giving; and that
 all true Worship, Prayer and Thanks-
 giving is to be performed by the (b)
 help of Gods Spirit, as it is inwardly
 felt to move and encline us to the same,
 and that this help is to be waited for
 in true silence and stillness, from all
 our own Thoughts, and all Self-
 movings, and self-strivings and
 Workings;

Workings in the meer Will and Power
of Man.

That none are true Ministers of
Christ, but who are (c) *holy Men, who*
speak as they are moved by the holy Spirit, ^{c]} 1 Tim
and are qualified and endued with ^{3. 2, 3, 4.}
sound Knowledge, Power and Virtue; Tit 1 7. 8. 9
and that the Gospel is to be preached ²¹
freely, without requiring or exacting ^{Mat 10 8}
any thing for the same. ^{2 Cor 11 7}

S E C T. VI.

Concerning the Commandments of God
and Christ, and the holy Scriptures.

WE believe, that besides the general
Commandments of God, of Piety,
Justice and Temperance, given under
the Law, briefly contained (for matter
and substance) in the Ten Command-
ments, the [a] Work or Effect of (a) Rom 2
which is writ on the hearts of all men. ¹⁵
There are some special Precepts
Commandments of God and Christ given
under the New Testament, as (b)
[b] [c] [d] [e] [f] [g] [h] [i] [j] [k] [l] [m] [n] [o] [p] [q] [r] [s] [t] [u] [v] [w] [x] [y] [z] [aa] [ab] [ac] [ad] [ae] [af] [ag] [ah] [ai] [aj] [ak] [al] [am] [an] [ao] [ap] [aq] [ar] [as] [at] [au] [av] [aw] [ax] [ay] [az] [ba] [bb] [bc] [bd] [be] [bf] [bg] [bh] [bi] [bj] [bk] [bl] [bm] [bn] [bo] [bp] [bq] [br] [bs] [bt] [bu] [bv] [bw] [bx] [by] [bz] [ca] [cb] [cc] [cd] [ce] [cf] [cg] [ch] [ci] [cj] [ck] [cl] [cm] [cn] [co] [cp] [cq] [cr] [cs] [ct] [cu] [cv] [cw] [cx] [cy] [cz] [da] [db] [dc] [dd] [de] [df] [dg] [dh] [di] [dj] [dk] [dl] [dm] [dn] [do] [dp] [dq] [dr] [ds] [dt] [du] [dv] [dw] [dx] [dy] [dz] [ea] [eb] [ec] [ed] [ee] [ef] [eg] [eh] [ei] [ej] [ek] [el] [em] [en] [eo] [ep] [eq] [er] [es] [et] [eu] [ev] [ew] [ex] [ey] [ez] [fa] [fb] [fc] [fd] [fe] [ff] [fg] [fh] [fi] [fj] [fk] [fl] [fm] [fn] [fo] [fp] [fq] [fr] [fs] [ft] [fu] [fv] [fw] [fx] [fy] [fz] [ga] [gb] [gc] [gd] [ge] [gf] [gg] [gh] [gi] [gj] [gk] [gl] [gm] [gn] [go] [gp] [gq] [gr] [gs] [gt] [gu] [gv] [gw] [gx] [gy] [gz] [ha] [hb] [hc] [hd] [he] [hf] [hg] [hh] [hi] [hj] [hk] [hl] [hm] [hn] [ho] [hp] [hq] [hr] [hs] [ht] [hu] [hv] [hw] [hx] [hy] [hz] [ia] [ib] [ic] [id] [ie] [if] [ig] [ih] [ii] [ij] [ik] [il] [im] [in] [io] [ip] [iq] [ir] [is] [it] [iu] [iv] [iw] [ix] [iy] [iz] [ja] [jb] [jc] [jd] [je] [jf] [jg] [jh] [ji] [jj] [jk] [jl] [jm] [jn] [jo] [jp] [jq] [jr] [js] [jt] [ju] [jv] [jw] [jx] [jy] [jz] [ka] [kb] [kc] [kd] [ke] [kf] [kg] [kh] [ki] [kj] [kk] [kl] [km] [kn] [ko] [kp] [kq] [kr] [ks] [kt] [ku] [kv] [kw] [kx] [ky] [kz] [la] [lb] [lc] [ld] [le] [lf] [lg] [lh] [li] [lj] [lk] [ll] [lm] [ln] [lo] [lp] [lq] [lr] [ls] [lt] [lu] [lv] [lw] [lx] [ly] [lz] [ma] [mb] [mc] [md] [me] [mf] [mg] [mh] [mi] [mj] [mk] [ml] [mm] [mn] [mo] [mp] [mq] [mr] [ms] [mt] [mu] [mv] [mw] [mx] [my] [mz] [na] [nb] [nc] [nd] [ne] [nf] [ng] [nh] [ni] [nj] [nk] [nl] [nm] [nn] [no] [np] [nq] [nr] [ns] [nt] [nu] [nv] [nw] [nx] [ny] [nz] [oa] [ob] [oc] [od] [oe] [of] [og] [oh] [oi] [oj] [ok] [ol] [om] [on] [oo] [op] [oq] [or] [os] [ot] [ou] [ov] [ow] [ox] [oy] [oz] [pa] [pb] [pc] [pd] [pe] [pf] [pg] [ph] [pi] [pj] [pk] [pl] [pm] [pn] [po] [pp] [pq] [pr] [ps] [pt] [pu] [pv] [pw] [px] [py] [pz] [qa] [qb] [qc] [qd] [qe] [qf] [qg] [qh] [qi] [qj] [qk] [ql] [qm] [qn] [qo] [qp] [qq] [qr] [qs] [qt] [qu] [qv] [qw] [qx] [qy] [qz] [ra] [rb] [rc] [rd] [re] [rf] [rg] [rh] [ri] [rj] [rk] [rl] [rm] [rn] [ro] [rp] [rq] [rr] [rs] [rt] [ru] [rv] [rw] [rx] [ry] [rz] [sa] [sb] [sc] [sd] [se] [sf] [sg] [sh] [si] [sj] [sk] [sl] [sm] [sn] [so] [sp] [sq] [sr] [ss] [st] [su] [sv] [sw] [sx] [sy] [sz] [ta] [tb] [tc] [td] [te] [tf] [tg] [th] [ti] [tj] [tk] [tl] [tm] [tn] [to] [tp] [tq] [tr] [ts] [tt] [tu] [tv] [tw] [tx] [ty] [tz] [ua] [ub] [uc] [ud] [ue] [uf] [ug] [uh] [ui] [uj] [uk] [ul] [um] [un] [uo] [up] [uq] [ur] [us] [ut] [uu] [uv] [uw] [ux] [uy] [uz] [va] [vb] [vc] [vd] [ve] [vf] [vg] [vh] [vi] [vj] [vk] [vl] [vm] [vn] [vo] [vp] [vq] [vr] [vs] [vt] [vu] [vv] [vw] [vx] [vy] [vz] [wa] [wb] [wc] [wd] [we] [wf] [wg] [wh] [wi] [wj] [wk] [wl] [wm] [wn] [wo] [wp] [wq] [wr] [ws] [wt] [wu] [wv] [ww] [wx] [wy] [wz] [xa] [xb] [xc] [xd] [xe] [xf] [xg] [xh] [xi] [xj] [xk] [xl] [xm] [xn] [xo] [xp] [xq] [xr] [xs] [xt] [xu] [xv] [xw] [xx] [xy] [xz] [ya] [yb] [yc] [yd] [ye] [yf] [yg] [yh] [yi] [yj] [yk] [yl] [ym] [yn] [yo] [yp] [yq] [yr] [ys] [yt] [yu] [yv] [yw] [yx] [yy] [yz] [za] [zb] [zc] [zd] [ze] [zf] [zg] [zh] [zi] [zj] [zk] [zl] [zm] [zn] [zo] [zp] [zq] [zr] [zs] [zt] [zu] [zv] [zw] [zx] [zy] [zz]

Heb 10, 9, *nor to practise any part of the Ceremonial*
 1 Joh 3, 23 *Law, nor to have more Wives than one*
 Jer 31, 33, *at one time; and also to believe the*
 Heb 8, 12, *Doctrine of Christ, as delivered by*
 Ephes 2, 7, *Christ and his holy Prophets and A-*
postles, in all the parts of it, and re-
corded in the holy Scriptures. And
the whole Law of God, teaching all
Duties of Love and Obedience, is after
a more excellent & powerful manner,
writ in the hearts of true Christians
 Jer 31 33 *and sincere Believers in Christ Jesus,*
 Heb 8 12 *than as it is generally writ in the hearts*
 Ephes 2 7 *of all Mankind, because the Gospel*
Dispensation, in the clear Ministration
of it, through Faith in Christ Jesus,
hath more plenty of Grace, Peace
and Life attending it.

That the holy(c) Scriptures are given
 forth by divine Inspiration, and are pro-
 fitable and worthy to be read and me-
 ditated upon by the help of the holy
 Spirit that gave them forth, and that
 frequently, for our Instruction, Iustifi-
 cation and Comfort, and Increase of
 Faith.

That the true Sense of Scripture is
 the Word of God; that they can only
 be savingly understood by the Illumina-
 tion and Revelation of that Spirit that

gave them forth; (d) That they are ^{(d) Rom.} useful to Believers, for their growth ^{15. 4.} & encrease in Faith and Holiness, & (e) to Unbelievers, that they may believe, ^{(e) John 20. 31.} as God shall be pleased to make them Instrumental to the same; and that they contain a full and sufficient Testimony to all *Christian Doctrine* and *Practice*; & that the (f) Truth of them [f] ^{1 Cor.} is believed principally for and because ^{2. 4. 5.} of the *inward Testimony, Evidence* and ^{1 Thess. 1:} *Word of God, and of the holy Spirit*, ^{5.} sealing to the Truth of them in our ^{1 John 5: 9, 10.} hearts; and that they are the only outward Test, Touch-stone and Rule, ^{Acts 17.} whereby to try all *Doctrines of men*, so ¹¹ that whatever Doctrine is not according to the holy Scripture, in matters ^{cap. 26.} of Faith and Life, is to be rejected and denied.

SECT. VII.

*Concerning the Future States of Men
after Death, the Day of Judgment,
and Resurrection of the Dead.*

WE believe, That after (a) Death
cometh Judgment, and that the
C. Souls

2 Heb 9, 27 Souls of all true believers in Christ
 Luk 16, 22, Jesus, both Males and Females, im-
 Phi 1, 23, mediately after Death go to God, and
 Rev 6, 10, to Christ, in Heaven; and that the
 11. & 14. Souls of them who dye in *final Impeni-*
 13. *tency* are cast into [b] Hell.

Rev 20, 15 That there is a *General Day* [c] of
 Jude 6, *Judgment* yet to come, wherein all
 2 Pet 2, 4, Nations shall stand before the Son of
 Mat 7, 22, Man, even the Man Christ Jesus, at
 cap 25, 31, his *Appearance* and *Coming* without us,
 2 Thes 1, 7, as well as at his *Appearance* and *Judg-*
 8, 9, 10, ment Seat within us, to receive accor-
 Acts 17, 31, ding to the *Deeds* done in the Body,
 Rom 14, 10, good or evil.

2 Cor 5, 10 That Christ is the Saviour of the
 4 Phil 3 21 whole Man, both Soul and Body; and
 mat 10, 28, that there shall be a *Resurrection* of the
 1 Co 6 13, [d] Body, both of the Just and Unjust,
 14 cap 15, the Just unto Everlasting Life, and the
 20, 21, 22, Unjust unto Shame and Torment for-
 42, 43, 44, ever; And that the (e) Resurrection
 (e) Mat 22, of the Body is not received in this
 30, Acts mortal Life, nor immediately after
 26 23, Death, but the deceased Saints gene-
 1 Cor 15, rally wait for it, until the Coming of
 23, 50, Christ; and that the dead in Christ shall
 rise first, when the Body that is sown
 natural shall be raised spiritual; for
 Flesh and Blood doth not inherit the King-
 dom of God, nor Corruption Incorruption.

S E C T. VIII.

Concerning Christs Baptism & Supper.

WE believe, That Christs *(a)* *Bap.* *(a)* *Mat. 3.*
tism is with the holy Ghost and *11.*

Fire, whereof the outward Baptism
 with Water was a Figure, the which
 Fire burneth up the Dross and Con-
 sumable matter of the Sins and Lusts
 that war against the Soul, and is that
(b) Spirit of Judgment and of Burning, *(b)* *Isa. 4. 4.*
 by which the Filth of the Daughters
 of Zion is to be purged away.

That Christ *(c)* *Supper* is his feeding *(c)* *John 6:*
 all the faithful, with giving them *53. 54. 55.*
 flesh to eat, and his Blood to drink, and *56.*
 such have eternal Life in them, & they *1 Cor. 10.*
 daily remember and meditate on the *16. 17.*
 Lords Death, by the help of his Spirit *Rev 3. 20.*
 in them, until his *Last Coming in the* *1 Cor 11.*
Clouds of Heaven, without them, as *24. 25. 26.*
 well as until his more abundant Reve-
 lation in them, and that it is their
 Duty, as well as great spiritual advan-
 tage, to remember him most frequent-
 ly, with *Prayer & Thanks-giving*, both
 when they eat not, and when they eat,
 whether more privately or more so-
 lemnly, as occasion offers.

S E C T. IX.

Concerning Places and Times of Worship:

2 John 4
21. 22. 23.
1 Tim 2 8.
Col 2. 16.

W E believe, That all (a) Places and Times of Worship, in themselves considered, are alike under the Gospel for the Worship of God, and no Place or Time is more Holy than another, yet convenient Places and Times of Worship, with other necessary Circumstances, are to be regarded; and the First Day of the Week is worthily set apart from Bodily Labour, for (b) Religious Duties and Exercises, both in publick and private, as well as other convenient Times on Week Dayes, and for meeting together to wait upon God both in Silence, and in the performance of any outward Exercise of Religion, that his Spirit moveth unto.

S E C T. X.

Concerning some other Necessary Things.

2 Col 4. 6.
1 Pet 3. 3.
4. 5.

W E believe, that Plain (a) Language and Plain Habit, with all manner

ner of *Temperance* and *Abstinence* from *Tit 2. 2. 4.*
all vain Customs of the World, after the *Rom 12 2.*
 manner of the *primitive Christians*, (b)
 and according to the Testimony of our
Ancient Brethren, is to be preserved
 among us, and whatever is of good
 Report.

That all due care is to be taken con-
 cerning Marriages, that Persons con-
 cerned may proceed orderly, and that
 none marry within these (c) degrees *(c) Exod.*
 of Kindred, forbidden under the Law, *20. 9.*
 which are also forbidden under the *1 Cor. 5. 1.*
 Gospel.

S E C T. XI.

*Concerning the Church, and the Quali-
 fications of the true Members thereof.*

WE believe, That the (a) Church *a Acts 2. 17*
 of Christ is the multitude of *Rom 10. 8.*
 sincere Believers in Christ, who ought *9. 1.*
 to manifest their Faith to one another *James 2.*
 by the living Confession of the Mouth, *1 John 4*
 flowing from the living Faith in the *2. 3.*
 Heart, accompanied with the Seal and *mat 10. 32*
 Confirmation of a *Holy and Christian*, *33.*
Life and Conversation, which will be
 sensibly (b) discerned through a *sp. b Gal 2. 9.*

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Prov 14 7 *ritual inward Gift o* Discerning in them,
 Ps 1 5 as the Tree is known by the Fruits, and
 2 1 such have a spiritual Fellowship and
 Act 5 37 Communion together in the Spirit of
 John 1 1 Christ, and in the *Gifts*, and *Graces*,
 1 2 3 and *Comforts*, and *Refreshments* thereof,
 Isa 41 5 that flow from Christ the *Head* and
 mat 3 6 *Fountain*, through Member to Member.
 Acts 19 18 And as Christ believed in, is the Door
 John 9 22 into the Church, in the sight of God,
 cap 12 42 by Christ, both believed and confessed
 2 Cor 9 13 unto, is the Door into the Church in
 1 Tim 2 10 the sight of men. And that in the
 cap 6 12 *Church of Christ*, the *holy Ghost* maketh
 Heb 3 1 (c) *Over-seers*, *Elders* and *Rulers*, who
 cap 14 are known, received and owned to be
 & 10 23 such by the (d) *Manifestation* of the
 1 Acts 20 *same Spirit* in all the true Members
 28 thereof.
 1 Cor 4 2
 cap 5 11.

SECT. XII.

*Concerning Magistracy, and Obedience
there-unto.*

WE believe, That it is the Duty
 of all *Christians*, to give all
 ready Obedience to *Magistrates* in all
 lawful things, and to be subject to
 their *Commands*, not only for *Wrath*,
 but

but for (a) Conscience sake; and if they ^{Rom 13.}
 command things unlawful, to make ^{2. 3. . 5.}
 no Resistance by outward Force, but ^{1 Pet. 2. 13}
 patiently to suffer under them, for ^{14. 15.}
Magistracy and Government in the
 World is the Ordinance of God, and
 when duly performed, according to
 Truth and Righteousness among men,
 belongeth to that universal Ministration
 of the Spirit, given in general to
 Mankind, by Virtue of which, what-
 ever is lawfully commanded by Magi-
 strates, will be answered by the Light
 of God, and that just Principle of
 God in every mans Conscience, that
 will lead and instruct him to obey the
 same.

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